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1977. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **रक्षा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जाति, वंश और धर्म के आधार पर सेना में कौन-कौन से रेजीमेंट हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : स्वतंत्रता से पूर्व जाति, वंश और धर्म के आधार पर बनी उन रेजीमेंटों के नाम इस प्रकार हैं जो अभी भी उसी नाम से चल रही हैं :—

1. जाट रेजीमेंट ।
2. सिक्ख रेजीमेंट ।
3. सिक्ख लाइट इन्फैंट्री रेजीमेंट ।
4. राजपूत रेजीमेंट ।
5. डोगरा रेजीमेंट ।
6. महार रेजीमेंट ।
7. गोरखा रेजीमेंट ।

Eye camps organised by quacks

1978. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that as many as 553 persons had lost their sight through treatment in camps organised by quacks in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government are aware of identical happenings in other parts of the country; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative whether Government propose to undertake a Central legislation for tackling the problem of quacks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EI THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) As per available information the number of persons who lost their eye sight after operation in eye camps during the years 1981 and 1982 is as under : _____

(i) Eighteen persons lost their eye sight in the States of Rajasthan in camps organised by quacks.

(ii) Twenty two persons lost their eye sight in the State of Rajasthan camps organised by quacks.

(iii) In Haryana, one eye has beea damaged by quackery.

No fresh case of blinding by quacks from these States or any other State has come to notice.

(c) As per guidelines issued to all States/UTs, eye operation camps are organised by voluntary organisations with prior permission of the Chief Medical Officer of the concerned District and subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions for the conduct of eye camps. Chief Ministers of all States/UTs have been addressed to exercise utmost care and vigilance to prevent unqualified persons from performing eye operations and to alert all revenue, police Panchayats and health authorities to effectively deal with such persons. In view of the guidelines, it is not considered necessary to bring Central legislation to tackle the problem.

Floating Dry Dock at Madras

1979. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recommendation was made by the Consultants for a Floating Dry Dock at Madras;

Cb) whether it is a fact that a decision on the recommendation received in this regard has not been taken for the last two years; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Government did not accept the recommendations of the Steering Committee set UP to assess offers in this regard as the recommendations did not take into account the factual position relating to eligibility for financial assistance from SDFC and also on account of differences of opinion amongst the members of the Committee. The Madras Port has been requested to invite fresh commercial offers for the lease/ rental etc. from the same set of entrepreneurs who were prequalified earlier for this project.

Drug menace amongst the youth

1980. SHRT NAND KISHORE BHATT; Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that drug menace is plaguing the youth, especially the students, in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WO MEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEK HAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been continuously making efforts to educate people about the evil effects of drinking and drug abuse by publicity through mass media and also by encouraging voluntary organisations through grants to take up educative publicity.

To supplement efforts to educate people, particularly students, about the ill effects of drinking and drug abuse, the Ministry sponsored essay competitions among students at the University level. To make the educative publicity more interesting T.V. play competitions were sponsored among students at the University level.

The Ministry of Education have si-I milarly addressed the Vice-Chancellors and the State Education Secretaries emphasising the need for exercising epecial vigil in this regard.

The State Governments have been asked to mount special vigil against the abuse of drugs in Universities/ Colleges/Hostels/Campuses and to discourage students from developing any such tendency.

A proposal to enact a comprehensive legislation fo, exercising control over narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is under active consideration of the Government.

Uniform rates of electricity in the Country

1981. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajadhyaksha Committee on Power had *inter alia* recommended uniform rates for the entire country for the energy sold from Central stations to State Eelectricity Boards;

(b) if so, when Government contemplate to implement the recommendation; and

(c) what are the details of other recommendations and the stage of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has constituted a Committee to examine the question of uniform tariff for the energy supplied by National Thermal Power Corporation from Central thermal generating stations. At this stage, it is not possi'ble to give an indication of the date by which a uniform tariff will be introduced.